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PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

PLAGUE-INFECTED SQUIRRELS FOUND.

During the week ended April 13, 1912, plague infection was found in seven ground squirrels collected in Alameda County, Cal.

DISTRIBUTION OF POISON.

In connection with the making and maintenance of a squirrel-free zone around the cities of California on San Francisco Bay, 4,490 acres of land in Alameda County were covered with poison during the week ended April 13, 1912.

RECORD OF PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Date of last case of human plague.	Date of last case of rat plague.	Date of last case of squirrel plague.	Total number of rodents found infected since May, 1907.
California:				
Cities—				
San Francisco.....	Jan. 30, 1908.....	Oct. 23, 1908.....	None.....	398 rats.
Oakland.....	Aug. 9, 1911.....	Dec. 1, 1908.....	.....do.....	126 rats.
Berkeley.....	Aug. 27, 1907.....	None.....	.....do.....	None.
Los Angeles.....	Aug. 11, 1908.....	.....do.....	Aug. 21, 1908.....	1 squirrel.
Counties—				
Alameda (exclusive of Oakland and Berkeley).....	Sept. 26, 1909.....	Wood rat, Oct. 17, 1909.	Apr. 5, 1912.....	121 squirrels and 1 wood rat.
Contra Costa.....	July 21, 1911.....	None.....	Sept. 23, 1911.....	364 squirrels.
Fresno.....	None.....	.....do.....	Oct. 27, 1911.....	1 squirrel.
Merced.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	July 13, 1911.....	5 squirrels.
Monterey.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	Aug. 6, 1911.....	Do.
San Benito.....	June 5, 1910.....	.....do.....	June 8, 1911.....	22 squirrels!
San Joaquin.....	Sept. 18, 1911.....	.....do.....	Aug. 26, 1911.....	18 squirrels.
San Luis Obispo.....	None.....	.....do.....	Jan. 29, 1910.....	1 squirrel.
Santa Clara.....	Aug. 23, 1910.....	.....do.....	Oct. 5, 1910.....	23 squirrels.
Santa Cruz.....	None.....	.....do.....	May 17, 1910.....	3 squirrels.
Stanislaus.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	June 2, 1911.....	13 squirrels.
Washington:				
City—				
Seattle.....	Oct. 30, 1907.....	Sept. 21, 1911.....	None.....	25 rats.

RATS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

Places.	Week ended —	Total collected.	Found dead.	Examined.	Found infected.
California:					
Cities—					
Berkeley.....	Apr. 13, 1912	¹ 132	4	99	.....
Oakland.....	.....do.....	² 842	12	657	.....
San Francisco.....	.....do.....	³ 1,853	3	1,395	.....
Washington:					
City—					
Seattle.....	.....do.....	994	.....	957	.....

¹ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 103; *Mus musculus*, 29.

² Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 668; *Mus rattus*, 1; *Mus musculus*, 173.

³ Identified: *Mus norvegicus*, 1,035; *Mus rattus*, 199; *Mus alexandrinus*, 240; *Mus musculus*, 379.

SQUIRRELS COLLECTED AND EXAMINED FOR PLAGUE INFECTION.

During the week ended April 13, 1912, 185 ground squirrels from Alameda County, Cal., were examined for plague infection. Seven were found plague-infected.